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SUBJECT: PRC - UNESCO CONTACTS ON CULTURAL PROJECTS

1. GERARD BOLLA (SWISS), DIRECTOR OF UNESCO'S DEPARTMENT FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE, WILL BE VISITING PEKING ON OR ABOUT JUNE 30 FOR ONE WEEK TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF PROJECTS CONCERNING PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND OF BRONZES, AS WELL AS CHINESE BALLET.

2. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO VAN USSEL ADVISED PERMDEL OF BOLLA VISIT WHICH VAN USSEL UNDERSTOOD AS BEING MADE UPON CHINESE INVITATION.

3. HOWEVER, PRC DELOFF (CHOU CHI-CHI) IN CONFIRMING TO DELOFF THAT BOLLA WILL BE VISITING PEKING, AND ADDING THAT A TOUR OF SEVERAL HISTORIC SITES HAS BEEN PREPARED, INSISTED THAT VISIT WAS UNESCO PROPOSAL AND NOT RPT NOT AT CHINESE INITIATIVE. BOLLA VISIT OCCURS IN CONTEXT HIS PRESENCE IN FAR EAST FOR CONFERENCE AT INDONESIA (BOROBODUR MONUMENT SITE) SO THAT IT REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT UNESCO MAY HAVE TAKEN INITIATIVE TO INCLUDE PEKING IN HIS ITINERARY.

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COMMENT: NOTEWORTHY THAT IF VISIT SHOULD LEAD TO ACTUAL

PROJECTS, THIS WILL BE FIRST PRC MOVE TO ACT ON REPORTED
ASSENT "IN PRINCIPLE," EXPRESSED TO UNESCO DIRECTOR
GENERAL M'BOW ON LATTER'S PEKING VISIT LAST JANUARY, TO
ENTER INTO MORE ACTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH UNESCO. PRC,
EXCEPT FOR EVIDENT INTEREST IN UNESCO SCIENTIFIC
MEETINGS, HAS SO FAR BEEN LARGELY INACTIVE IN UNESCO
PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.
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